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SUBJECT: MARXIST COMMENTATOR ATTACKS USG

1. LEADING EGYPTIAN MARXIST LUTFI AL-KHULY, WRITING IN AHRAH
DEC 18, ATTACKS USG'S "POLICY OF PROCRASTINATION".

2. PRIOR TO OCTOBER WAR, AL-KHULY WRITES, ARABS BELIEVED BEST
WAY TO JUST PEACE WAS "TO WREAK EXTRAORDINARY LOSS OF LIFE ON
ISRAEL". NOW, MORE THAN YEAR AFTER OCTOBER WAR, ISRAEL REMAINS
CAPABLE OF BLOCKING DIRECT ROAD TO JUST PEACE WHICH IS RESUMPTION
OF GENEVA CONFERENCE, EVEN THOUGH USSR AND USG BELIEVE IT SHOULD
BE CONVENED "WITH LEAST POSSIBLE DELAY". REASONS BEHIND THIS
ISRAELI CAPABILITY ARE TWOFOLD. A. US SUPPORT. US VIEWS ISRAEL
AS ITS ME BASE AND STRIKING FORCE. SINCE ARAB NATIONAL LIBERATION
MOVEMENT HAS WON OVER OIL-RICH GULF STATES WHICH HAD
TRADITIONALLY STRONG TIES WITH US, USG HAS REACTED USING
"KISSINGER'S HYPOCRITICAL APPROACH" OF APPARENT "RESPONSIBLE
NEUTRALITY", WHICH REALLY AMOUNTS TO FLAGRANT IMPERIALISTIC
SUPPORT OF UNPRECEDENTED MAGNITUDE FOR ISRAEL. B. ARAB

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TIMEWASTING. ARABS DELAYED IN DEFINING SUCH TRANSITIONAL

OBJECTIVES AS PALESTINE NATIONAL AUTHORITY AND NEGLECTED TO
STRENGTHEN RELATIONS WITH TURE ALLIES, CHIEFLY USSR.

3. USG AND ISRAEL, AL-KHULY CONTINUES, THUS GAINED BREATHING
SPACE FOR POLICY OF PROCRASTINATION. ARABS SHOULD CONSEQUENTLY
CONSIDER RE-ADOPTION OF FORMER POLICY, I.E., WAY TO JUST PEACE
IS TO GO TO WAR.

4. COMMENT: RECENT STATEMENTS BY ISRAELI LEADERS CONCERNING
GOI'S SUCCESS IN REBUILDING MILITARY INVENTORIES ABOVE PRE-
OCTOBER LEVEL ARE PROBABLY A CHIEF CAUSE OF THE INCREASED WORRY
WE SENSE HERE THAT ISRAELIS WILL UNDERTAKE PRE-EMPTIVE STRIKE.
THAT EGYPTIAN POLITICAL COMMENTATORS HAVE BEGUN TO WRITE ABOUT
ADVISABILITY OF ARAB PRE-EMPTIVE STRIKE IS, OF COURSE, TOTALLY
UNREALISTIC IN TERMS OF EGYPTIAN MILITARY CAPACITY, BUT
UNDERSTANDABLE IN VIEW REAL CONCERN HERE THAT ISRAELIS MAY
ATTEMPT MILITARY ACTION ON EGYPTIAN FRONT BEFORE HOPED FOR
SOVIET MILITARY SUPPLIES BEGIN TO FLOW AGAIN.
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